*Suddenly*
*from heaven*
*there came a sound*
*like the rush of a violent*
*wind, and it filled*
*the entire house*
*where they were sitting*
*Acts 2:2*

# Soundings

News and Information from the
Northwest Washington Synod
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## Hurricane Rebuilding Efforts

**by Rev. Laurie Johnson, pastor Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor**

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A team of eight youth and five adults (ages 14 and up) from Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, traveled to Port Charlotte, Florida, for a hurricane rebuilding servant trip from June 21 through July 4. Port Charlotte is on Florida's Gulf Coast and suffered a direct hit from Category 4 Hurricane Charley in August 2004. Port Charlotte is still rebuilding.

Working in partnership with the Interfaith Interagency Network of Charlotte County (IINCC) and Lutheran Services Florida, the team from Oak Harbor worked on three homes,. They installed insulation, painted, performed demolition work and worked on fixing space for IINCC's future office. The group was housed for the two weeks at Peace Lutheran Church in Port Charlotte.

Much of the affordable housing in Charlotte County was destroyed by the storm, and recovery efforts have been hindered by three

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# Thank You

Dear Synod Council Members, Officers, Synod Staff and Bishop Boerger:

I want to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful gifts presented to me at the 2006 Synod Assembly. They were significant reminders of both the ministry and the territory of the synod. Thank you! In addition, presenting a gift to World Hunger Appeal in my name was truly a gift of love. Thank you.

I have enjoyed my service to the synod these eight years and will miss both the work and all of you. May God be with you in all that you strive to do in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.

Mary Jones

Mary Jones at the 2006 Synod Assembly. Mary and her husband, Rev. Mitch Jones, have moved to the Montana Synod.

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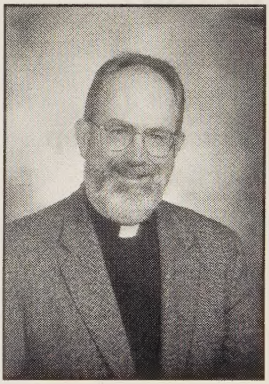
# A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Chris Boerger

This article is probably addressed more to congregational presidents and councils than to the rostered leaders of the Synod. I am using this vehicle to communicate to many people as possible in a very public way. Let me begin by saying that as a denomination and as a synod, our stewardship of wealth and money is poor. Please note I am talking about the whole of the synod. If this message does not apply directly to you, please use it in your conversations with others.

To begin addressing this reality, the Synod Stewardship Team, with the concurrence of the Synod Council, applied for a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. We have been awarded that grant and now begin a two-year effort to teach and talk about the stewardship of our wealth. Specifically, we want to talk about wills, estates, annuities, etc. To paraphrase David Swartling (Synod Attorney), did you know that you have a will even if you have not written one? The State of Washington has one in place for you and it may not reflect your values or goals.

One of the ways we will be kicking off this discussion is at the October Bishop's Convocation. At that event, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Weissenbuehler and Cynthia Halverson will lead us in the biblical and practical aspects of whole life stewardship. This convocation is for all rostered leaders and spouses. From this time together, we will be approaching congregations to host workshops for their members. It is the goal of this process to engage a significant portion of the Synod in a discussion about this aspect of financial stewardship.

I know that some congregations pay the convocation registration for their rostered leaders and spouses. Other pastors tell me that they pay the cost through their continuing education monies. Some tell me they pay the cost out of their pockets and still others do not come because of the cost. The Bishop's Convocation is not intended to be the continuing education event for pastors and associates in ministry. It is designed to build the collegial relationships of our leaders and to support the work we do together in congregations and as synod.

I am asking that especially this year, if not every year, that congregations cover the costs of the Bishop's Convocation for their pastors and associates in ministry and their spouses, if possible. This year has a special significance in that the benefits are designed for the congregations and the whole church directly. It will be the beginning of a discussion that should involve us all. The more of our leaders that are present, the greater the chance for a successful outcome to this project. I again ask that you help the whole church and your congregation by supporting your staff and their attendance at this year's convocation.

# Nominations and Election of a Bishop in 2007

**by Mark J. Jackson, Bishop Election Task Force Member**

At the close of the 2006 Synod Assembly, the Task Force for the Nominations and Election of a Bishop introduced the process for nominating and electing a Bishop at the 2007 Synod Assembly. The election will take place June 1-3, 2007, for a six-year term beginning September 1, 2007. The synod elects a Bishop at a Synod Assembly every six years.

A nominee for Bishop must be an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Nominees are not required to be rostered in the Northwest Washington Synod, nor reside within the synod's geographical boundaries. Nominators must be members of a Northwest Washington Synod congregation. A nominator may only make one nomination, and a person may not nominate himself or herself.

The nominations and election process is designed to be fair, open and transparent. To that end, the Synod Council appointed a task force to implement the process in line with synod constitution provisions. Task force members are

- Mary Beth Short, member Prince of Peace, SeaTac (chair)
- Carlos Aguero, member Fir Conway, Mount Vernon
- Rev. Paul Bartling (ret.), member Luther Memorial, Seattle
- Gunbjorg Ladstein, member Ballard First, Seattle
- Mark Jackson, member Saint Andrew's, Bellevue

Complete information is posted on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org. The nomination period opens December 1, 2006, and runs through February 28, 2007. Nominations received prior to, or after, this period will not be considered. Once a person has been nominated, his/her name will appear on the first ballot at the 2007 Synod Assembly, unless the nominee removes himself or herself from the ballot in writing by March 7, 2007. Additional nominations may not be made from the floor of the Synod Assembly. Prior to the Synod Assembly (in April or May 2007), two forums will be held to introduce candidates to the synod. Additionally, there will be one forum held during the 2007 Synod Assembly when the number of nominees has reached seven or fewer.

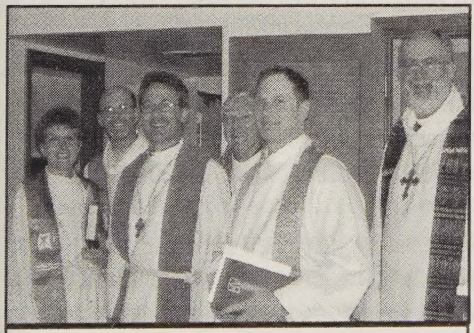
For more information, please contact either of the following individuals:

- Larry Johnson, Vice President, Northwest Washington Synod, 425- 226-6629, development@holdenvillage.org
- Mary Beth Short, Chair, Task Force for the Nominations and Election of a Bishop, 253-854-4438, mbshort@mindspring.com

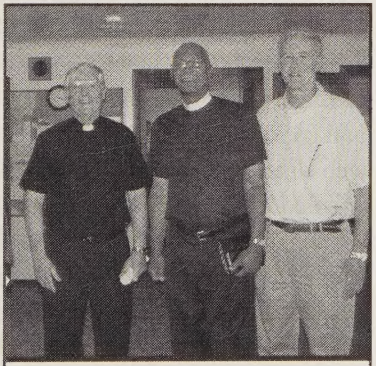
# Sixty-Six Years of Ministry

*Rev. Martha Myers and Bishop Chris Boerger.*

After 66 years of ministry in and with the community of Renton, Renton Lutheran Church closed its doors with a bold and couragous decision to make way for ministry of a new kind. On Sunday, June 24, people from all over the Synod, Mayor Kathy Koelker, and friends of Renton Lutheran Church gathered for a closing worship service and a basement supper. Bishop Chris Boerger and Pastor Martha Myers led the service, assisted by pastors in the cluster and lay people from Renton Lutheran Church. Vice President Sharon Greenwood received the records of the church to be preserved in the archives of the ELCA. In spite of the summer temperatures and the sadness of ending an era of ministry, there was a sense of vision and purpose as well as challenge and celebration. The congregation spent the last three years laying the groundwork to redevelop the site to include affordable housing, community outreach and a new congregation.



*(l to r) Rev. Jane Prestbye, Kent Lutheran in Kent; Rev. Bob Lewis, Nativity Lutheran in Renton; Rev. Scott Kramer, Lakeridge Lutheran in Seattle; Rev. Michael Nel, Consultation to Clergy; Rev. Kevin Pearson, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Renton; and Bishop Chris Boerger.*



*(l to r) Rev. Michael Nel, Consultation to Clergy; Rev. Vic Langford, Saint Mark Lutheran in Seattle; and Rev. Jim Rismiller, Lord of Life Lutheran in Renton.*

# State Advocate's Corner

**by The Rev. Paul Benz**

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This month I would like to do an organizational update from Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO) and a justice issue/resource on global warming.

LPPO is in the midst of a capacity building campaign which started with our fundraiser success on April 30. At the fundraiser, where the theme of "Si Se Puede" (Yes we can) and with the generosity of 173 people, LPPO is now able to have a Lutheran Volunteer Corp (LVC) person five days a week for one year beginning on August 23. Thank you,

The LVC person is David Coombs, a member of Northlake-Kenmore and was confirmed by Bishop Boerger when he was serving as pastor at Northlake. David is a graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa where he majored in Political Science. He is now planning on applying to law school. David will be a great addition in working to advance the mission statement of LPPO: to advocate justice for all people, particularly the poor and vulnerable, in three key areas: the church, the legislative and the community.

On the critical issue of global warming we all know how the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from our vehicles, homes, businesses and industries are contributing to raising the earth's temperature with devastating consequences such as hurricane Katrina last year and the recent flooding in the Northeast.

Two resources I lift up to you and your congregation are the Car Free/ Drive Less/Greening Congregation program from Earth Ministry (www.earthministry.org) and Net Zero from the Global Warming Education Fund (www.GWEF.org). The degree of involvement in either of these programs is up to you. I encourage you to find out more and participate. Let the LPPO office know if you are interested, or go to the web sites listed. Another related resource is our ELCA's social statement entitled *Caring For Creation*.

Net Zero stands for zero GHG emissions through funding and implementing carbon offset projects. What is an offset? A GHG offset is a verifiable project that counteracts, or offsets, the purchaser's GHG emissions. This reduces the build-up of GHG emissions, creates a more sustainable society and raises standards of living for the poor and vulnerable. The Puget Sound has 47 million tons of GHG emissions annually. That is more than countries such as Bangladesh or Switzerland. This results in an average of 12 tons per person. LPPO urges each congregation in our Synod to give these programs serious consideration because we are God's stewards of his beautiful creation. Let us know of your interest.

## Timeline of the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality

As you are aware a draft social statement on human sexuality will be brought to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2009. There are three major steps ELCA Lutherans will need to take together to reach that point:

1. Participate in a theological and substantive study of human sexuality and give response back to the task force (December 2006 through November 2007)
2. Receive a first draft of a social statement and respond to the task force (Spring 2007 through Fall 2008)
3. Receive and respond through Synod Council resolutions, memorials and Churchwide Assembly actions to the draft social statement, which will come before the 2009 Churchwide Assembly (Spring 2009 through August 2009)

Earlier this Spring the task force wrapped up its meeting and authorized the general shape of step one above: the study on human sexuality. A group of task force writers is now at work on that task. This study will be available on December 1, 2006, and will be available through the web as well as in hard copy. Hard copies may be pre-ordered through the Augsburg Fortress website by clicking on the following link: http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/item.asp?clsid=183477&isbn=6000216645

Through this study, the task force hopes to offer a clear theological framework in which to carry out this discussion as a church of the Lutheran tradition. Through your responses to the study, the task force desires to gain a better sense of the concerns, issues and urgency of the ethical decisions facing faithful ELCA Lutherans on matters of human sexuality. Response forms, which will be available on paper and via the internet, are due sixteen months from now: November 1, 2007.

Undertaking the study and responding to the task force are the most important requests the task force will make of you for the next year and a half. It is only upon completion of the study that the task force will shape a first draft of a proposed social statement. That draft will then be broadly available throughout the church for many months for response. It is finally then that the proposed social statement will be completed and considered by the ELCA Church Council in its April 2009 meeting for distribution in the church, for consideration at synod assemblies, and to be forwarded to the Churchwide Assembly for action.

As always you may visit the task force web site for updated and further information. www.elca.org/faithfuljourney.

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## Huricane Rebuilding Efforts

additional storms in the 2004 season and then four more in 2005. A severe thunderstorm-spawned tornado hit the immediate area the day of arrival, destroying at least five homes and damaging dozens more.

*The group from Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor.*

Participants included teens Brian Culbertson, Rainier Fuller, Mark Ogren, Reid Schwartz II, Roni Tomlin, Kyle Tomlin, Shannon Weber, Rebecca Wheeler, and adults Tracey Tomlin, Patty VanDyke, Carol Wall, Loren Wheeler and Pastor Laurie Johnson.

# Health and Hope Grant

### Apply Now for Wheat Ridge Congregation Health and Hope Grant

Wheat Ridge Ministries invites and encourages Lutheran congregations to submit applications from July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 for its Congregation Health and Hope Grant program.

All Lutheran congregations – individually or in partnership with other congregations – are eligible for these grants. The maximum amount per grant is $2,000 for a single congregation and $6,000 for collaborative efforts involving two or more congregations. The amount granted by Wheat Ridge must be matched dollar for dollar by the congregation. Approximately 20 grants will be awarded to congregational projects in November.

The focus of the Health and Hope Grant is on new congregation-based health ministries developed under the auspices of a congregation health committee or cabinet. Projects must support and promote the health and well-being of people in the congregation and local community.

Congregations interested in applying for a Wheat Ridge Congregation Health and Hope Grant can visit the Wheat Ridge website (www.wheatridge.org) to download a complete list of guidelines as well as the proposal format. Any questions may be referred to the Wheat Ridge office at 800.762.6748. Deadline for submitting applications is September 30, 2006.

## Students Heading to College In The Fall

It's that time of year to send off your high school graduates and let them know about Lutheran Campus Ministry. As your graduates who are heading to college next year prepare, be sure to let Lutheran Campus Ministry know their names, contact information and the school they'll be attending.

Send your referrals to Pastor Scott Postlewait, Lutheran Campus Ministry, 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105, or email them to chscott@drizzle.com.

## An Evening With Rick Steves

Rick Steves will host a benefit for Lutheran Peace Fellowship on Sunday, October 8, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Shoreline. A reception begins at 6 p.m. with the evening's festivities beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $15 in advance ($20 at door); $8 Students and Limited Income; $50 event and reception with Rick at 6 p.m.

Visit www.lutheranpeace.org for ticket sales and more information. Or, call Lutheran Peace Fellowship at 206- 720-0313, email at lpf@ecunet.org.

## New Middle East Peace Resource Available

A new, free resource for congregations, the *Church Toolkit for Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking*, is now available from Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), an ELCA-sponsored partnership. The tool kit is designed to provide resources and guidance on how to approach the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a congregational setting.

The tool kit is arranged into three topic areas around which activities can be planned, including awareness-building, education and engagement in advocacy. The tool kit is suitable for both augmenting current activities and for beginning new initiatives.

"When the 2005 Churchwide Assembly adopted the Churchwide Strategy for Engagement in Israel and Palestine, our church committed itself to advocacy for political solutions that address the rights to security and peace with justice for both Palestinians and Israelis," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop, ELCA. "This resource gives our congregations a tremendous opportunity for raising awareness, educating their members, and using their voices to speak out for peace in the Holy Land."

The tool kit is viewable on the Web and downloadable as a pdf file, suitable for printing. Get the tool kit now at www.cmep.org/Toolkit/Toolkit_home.htm.

## Fall Hunger Conversation

All are invited to attend the next Hunger Conversation from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 23. This year's Conversation will feature guests speaking to global efforts to reduce hunger and poverty through establishing economic self sufficiency and sustainability. The Conversation will take a closer look at the World Hunger and Fair Trade items, information, and efforts that were represented at the Synod Assembly and included in the beautiful tote bags crafted in Lebanon. Save the date. Watch for your Congregation's Invitation because it will be mailed soon. For more information email the committee at worldhunger@lutheransnw.org.

## Josephine Home Wins National Award for Excellence

Josephine, a long term care facility for the elderly located in Stanwood recently received an Award for Excellence at the annual conference of Lutheran Services in America, held in Seattle. Each year Awards for Excellence are presented to Lutheran organizations for outstanding programs related to a timely topic. The theme for this year's awards was *Embracing the gifts of all.*

Josephine was honored for producing the video called *Choosing Long Term Care.* The video featured interviews with family members of their residents to help ease and affirm the difficult decision to move a loved one to a nursing home. The family members in the film were able to use their own experience to help others through a similar process. Josephine's program was one of three award winners from a large group of applicants from across the country. For further information about the program contact Josephine at 360-629-2126.

## Update

**ELCA Board of Pensions**

- **Get A Step Up With Summer Steppin'**—Rev up your fitness and energy level by putting one foot in front of the other. Walking lifts your spirits, reduces the risk of type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis, and helps manage weight, cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes. Join in the six-week *Summer Steppin'* program.Tips, calendars and other resources for your journey can be found at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/health_tutorials/here_i_step.asp
- **Preliminary 2007 contribution rates**—The preliminary 2007 rates for the ELCA Health Benefits Plan are expected by the end of July.
- **2005 Your Child's Health Coverage**—Is your child graduating? Did you know that children of sponsored members between the ages of 19 and 25 who lose full-time student status are eligible to purchase continuing health coverage for an additional 18 months? Learn more at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/enrollment/spouse_children.asp.

## Employment Opportunity

### Organist Needed

An Organist is needed at Camano Lutheran Church for one traditional Sunday morning service, plus Advent and Lenten services. Job begins September 3, 2006. Pay depends on experience and training. We would be glad to set up an interview with you. We are located at 850 N. Heichel Rd., Camano Island WA 98282. If interested, please call the church office at 360.629.4592 or email: camanoclc@wavecable.com.

### Music Positions Available

The congregation of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue seeks to fill several music openings.

We are seeking an Associate Organist for a congregation that participates well in its diverse music program with a Chancel Choir (adult); Handbell Choir (five octaves); and Orchestra (50 members). This is a part-time position that will likely be paired with an open Choir Accompanist position to accompany the Chancel Choir. The Chancel Choir sings about 3 Sundays per month (at one service), and the Associate Organist would lead services about 6 Sundays per year. Other opportunities available for playing (seasonal) services, compensated separately.

Children's Choir Director—This choir sings once or twice each month on Sunday mornings and rehearses once per week. The successful candidate(s) will have experience in leading children's choirs.

Music Administrative Assistant—The job includes library management, correspondence, and related tasks.

Positions are part-time and are paid hourly. Positions can be combined. Contact Kenneth DeJong at kendejong@salcbellevue.org or email materials to jobs@salcbellevue.org or send materials to: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98007. The successful candidate(s) will have knowledge in choral and instrumental music.

### Can You Help?

The Synod's World Hunger Committee is seeking a volunteer to manage two spreadsheets, minimal time commitment updating congregational contact and donation information. Please contact worldhunger@lutheransnw.org or Kristie Neklason at 206 795-4288.

# News and Notes

- During worship at the 2006 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly an offering was taken to support two ministries: **the Haik Orphanage and El Camino de Emaus.** Because of our generosity $10,327.76 was shared between these two ministries. Thanks be to God.
- On June 4, 2006, **Erik Samuelson** was ordained at Our Savior's in Everett. He is the son of Mark Samuelson and is a 5th generation Lutheran pastor. He grandfather, Paul Samuelson, was also at the ordination. Congratulations.
- June 24, 2006 saw the retirement of **Rev. J.B.Brandt** from Zion in Everett. His final worship service was graced with wonderful choir music and traditional Lutheran liturgy. The reception following had a distinctly, but not surprising, Scandinavian flair including dancers, a string quartet, and salmon, herring and meatballs in a smorgasbord. Pastor Brandt served Zion for 23 years and will be moving to Ilwaco.
- **Rev. Dan Erlander (ret.)** has written and illustrated resource material for churches which are used all over the U.S. including: *Baptized We Live, Manna and Mercy, and Let the Children Come.* He has a new book which is just off the press called *Water Washed and Spirit Born.* It is a guidebook for those preparing for adult baptism. For more information visit www.danielerlander.com.
- ***Trading Graces,*** the first annual online auction of Lutheran Services in America (LSA), listed more than 2,100 items on eBay for bidding from noon Feb. 26 to noon March 8 and sold 952 or about 45 percent of the items to raise $61,840 for Lutheran social ministry organizations across the United States and Caribbean.
- On June 5 **Gethsemene in Seattle** was the host of a press conference to announce the Washington release of the Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign's national report on *The Effects of Power Plant Pollution on Children and the Unborn.* Rev. Paul Benz, LPPO, was in attendance as well as Rev. John Boonstra, Washington Association of Churches. We also emphasized the faith community's role in putting forth a positive vision for our energy future, of which Initiative 937, the Clean Energy Initiative, is an excellent first step. This initiative will come before Washington voters in the November election if enough signatures are gathered to qualify for the ballot.
- Deaconess Children's Services 2006 Mother of the Year award was announced in May and it was given to **Mary Geist,** Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor. After Mary had raised her own kids she adopted 10 special needs children. Wisteria House, their home in Oak Harbor, is also a resource for parents with special needs children and offers family support and temporary care. Congratulations, Mary.

# Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

**We continue to hold in our prayers:**

- † **Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita**
- † **Rev. Cindy Salo**
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Ron Soine (ret.)**

**We pray for:**

† **Eric Stroud, brother of Rev. Mark Stroud,** Shepherd of the Hills in Concrete, passed away on May 17. Please hold Mark and his family in your prayers at the death of Eric. Cards may be sent to: Rev. Marc Stroud, Shepherd of the Hills, PO Box 567, Concrete WA 98237

† **Rev. Ruben Spannaus** passed away on May 24. The Rev. Spannaus was the founder of what is now Lutheran Community Services in our area. He was the father of Boots Winterstein, the recently retired director of Lutheran Community Services of North Puget Sound. Cards for members of the family may be sent to; Boots Winterstein, 8108 11th SW, Seattle, WA 98106.

† **Rev. Christen Anderson,** Anacortes in Anacortes, at the death of his father Vance Arthur Anderson on June 10. Cards may be sent to Pastor Anderson at 2018 Meadows Lane, Anacortes WA 98221.

† **Edward Benson, father of Rev. Lewis Benson,** Ebenezer in Lake Steven, passed away in June. We invite you to keep Lewis, his mother Elisa and the whole Benson family in prayer. Cards may be sent to: Pastor Lewis Benson, 3915 Ridge Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

† **Darin Richards, son of Rev. Jack Richards,** Bethlehem in Marysville. In June Darin was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer; he is a student at Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah.

† **Rev. John Olson (ret.)** learned that he has inoperable gallbladder cancer. John will undergo chemo and radiation therapy treatment. Cards may be sent to: John Olson, 612 Wanapum Dr, La Conner, WA 98257

† **Rev. John La Munyon,** Sammamish Hills in Sammamish, as he continues to heal from an emergency appendectomy.

† **Ken Olson, husband of Roselyn Olson, Associate in Ministry,** St. Luke's in Bellevue, as he continues to heal from surgery.

† **Rev. Paula Burchill,** currently on leave from call, her husband Corey and sons Erik and Carl welcome Ingrid Elizabeth Brenda Burchill to their family. Ingrid was born April 5, 2006. The family is at home and doing well. Cards may be sent to: The Burchills, 19450 1st Ave NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

*Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.*

# Video Resources

## In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

Three new titles from Paraclete to our Resource Library. Each was filmed in authentic geographic locations. These videos are ideal for Sunday School classes, small groups and inter-generational settings. They feature storyteller Jamie Buckingham.

- **Ten Bible People Like Me (V-1421)**—Ten Bible People Like Me will take you to where the ravens fed Elijah, where Joshua fought the Battle of Jericho and where Gideon and his men drank from the spring. Meet yourself in every story. Ten 12-minute segments and workbook.
- **Ten Miracles of Jesus (V-1422)**—Journey to the Pool of Siloam, stop at Cana for the wedding feast and visit the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water. Discover miracles at work in your own life. Ten sessions, workbook included.
- **Ten Parables of Jesus (V-1423)**—Travel along the Jericho road and watch the rabbis at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, as Jamie applies ten of Jesus' parables to situations we all find ourselves in. Ten sessions with workbook.

## Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

| | Location/Event | Effective Date |
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| **Calls Accepted** | | |
| G. Lee Kluth | Dir. Congregational Relations, PLU | 7/1/2006 |
| Justin E Johnson | Our Saviour's, Bellingham | 7/1/2006 |
| Andrew Yee | Bethany, Bainbridge | 8/15/2006 |
| **Celebrations** | | |
| 100th Anniversary | Bethlehem, Seattle | 10/22/2006 |
| **Closing** | | |
| Renton Lutheran | Renton, Renton | 6/25/2006 |
| **Installations** | | |
| Justin Johnson | Our Saviour's, Bellingham | 7/16/2006 |
| **Ordinations/Commissionings** | | |
| Justin E Johnson | Concordia Lutheran, Edmore ND | 6/24/2006 |
| **Resignation** | | |
| Linda Nou | Edmonds, Edmonds | 6/15/2006 |
| G. Lee Kluth | Trinity, Everett | 6/30/2006 |
| David Sorensen | Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley | 6/30/2006 |
| Gretchen Cohan | First Richmond Beach, Shoreline | 9/10/2006 |
| **Retirements** | | |
| J. B. Brandt | Zion, Everett | 8/1/2006 |
| **Transfers in/out of the Synod** | | |
| Linda Nou | To Southwestern Washington Synod | 6/16/2006 |
| Lawrence L Thompson | To Western North Dakota Synod | 7/1/2006 |
| David Sorensen | Eastern North Dakota | 7/17/2006 |

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*(Transitions can be found on page 14.)*

## Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

| In Call Process | Position | Status | Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burien, Glendale | PR | I | Interim, Pending |
| Custer, Zion | PR | P | Jay Decker, Interim |
| Edmonds, Edmonds | PR | TR | Katheryn Schlechter, Interim |
| Everett, Faith | PR | TR | Kathleen Anderson, Interim |
| Everett, Prince of Peace | PR | NV | Doug Stensby, Interim |
| Everett, Trinity | PR | NV | Interim Pending |
| Kirkland, Holy Spirit | A | TR | Mike Anderson, Lead Pastor; Kathryn Buffum, Interim |
| Lynden, Hope | PR | TR | Jean Barrington, Interim |
| Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley | PR | TR | Elwood Carlson, Interim |
| Point Roberts, Trinity | PR | TR | Supply |
| Redmond, Faith | PR | TR | Paul Wuest, Interim |
| Renton, St. Matthew | A/SP | P | Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor |
| Seattle, Calvary | PR | TR | Karen L. Hanson, Interim |
| Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood | PR | P | Supply |
| Shoreline, First Richmond Beach | PR | TR | Maynard Atik, Interim |
| Stanwood, Freeborn | PR | TR | Supply |
| Stanwood, Our Saviour's | PR | P | Mike Swain, Interim |
| Woodenville, Wooden Cross | PR | TR | Tim Wolbrecht, Interim |

**Mobility Position Key:**

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

**Mobility Status Key:**

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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